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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Call for Press Identification.
2. Provost Marlin was not in attendance for administrative comments.
3. Chair Longnecker reminded Senators that nominations for next year's Faculty Senate Chair would be in the upcoming months.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

4. Discussion took place on 65-hour rule from two-year institutions.

**DOCKET**

5. 522 457 Recommendations from the Committee on Committees for Committee Structure. Motion was made to accept recommendations. Request was made to divide recommendations for discussion and voting and upon agreement was so divided. Motion on the acceptance of recommendation that the Tenure and Promotion Committee be abolished was defeated. Motion on the acceptance of recommendation that the Academic Master Plan Committee be abolished carried. (See Appendix A.)

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(The January 11 regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate had been canceled.)

The Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gilchrist Hall by Chairperson Longnecker.

**Present:** Diane Baum, Leander Brown, John Butler, Phyllis Conklin, Kay Davis, Sherry Gable, Reginald Green, Clifford Highnam, Randall Krieg, Roger Kueter, John Longnecker, Barbara Lounsberry, Katherine Martin, Ron Roberts, Nick Teig, Mahmood Yousefi, Myra Boots, University Faculty.

**Alternates:** Jerome Soneson/Edward Amend

**Absent:** Erwin Richter, Katherine Vanwormer

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## NEW/OLD BUSINESS

4. An inquiry was made as to the status of the Student Grievance Review, to which the Chair responded there was no update.

The Chair indicated a change is being considered by the Board of Regents as concerns the 65-hour rule which stipulates no more than 65 semester hours from a two-year institution may be applied to a degree at UNI. He indicated this would need to be a joint Regent decision and welcomed input from Senators in regard to this matter.

Myra Boots stated this rule has been discussed by the Educational Relations Committee on which she also serves, and it is UNI's intention that a student not complete his upper level courses at another institution, but rather the institution from which he will receive his degree.

A short discussion followed at which time questions were raised as to whether there would be a limitation placed on the number of courses, or the type of courses (general education or major courses).

## DOCKET

4. 522 457 Recommendation from the Committee on Committees on Committee Structure

Carol Cooper, Chair of the Committee on Committees, stated their committee had reviewed all committees and talked to chairs and members serving on these committees.

She stated the Tenure and Promotion Committee had not met in the past several years, collective bargaining now controls most of the issues, and the Council of Dean's and the Provost's Advisory Board try to ensure equity across campus.

She also stated the Academic Master Plan Committee had not met in the past several years and has been replaced by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Based on this information, the Committee on Committees recommends the abolishment of these two committees.

Roberts moved, Highnam seconded to accept all recommendations.

Vice Chair Lounsberry requested discussion and voting on the abolishment of the two committees be divided and upon agreement the Chair so divided.

Vice Chair Lounsberry stated the Tenure and Promotion Committee still provides a mechanism by which faculty can have input and gain support among colleagues, and therefore, she was not in favor of abolishing this committee.

A question was called on the motion to accept the recommendation to abolish the Tenure and Promotion Committee. The Chair called for a hand vote. Motion was defeated - 5 "yes" and 9 "no."

It was suggested a consultation between the Provost and United Faculty may be beneficial to enable the Tenure and Promotion Committee to again serve as a viable and workable committee.

The motion was brought forth to accept the recommendation to abolish the Academic Master Plan Committee. Teig called a question on the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chair ruled the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wallace  
Secretary

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the Secretary of the Senate within two weeks of this date, February 1, 1993.





Interdepartmental Communication

TO: John Longnecker, Chair Faculty Senate  
FROM: Carol Cooper, Chair Committee on Committees  
DATE: November 16, 1977

RE: Recommendations for Committee Structure

This memo is in response to the Senate request for recommendations to "streamline" the committees for which the Committee on Committees oversees the elections. Upon careful review of recent activity and accomplishments of each committee the Committee on Committees recommends the following:

- (1) the Tenure and Promotion Committee be abolished.
  - the committee has not met in the recent past.
  - the bargaining contract controls most of the issues.
  - the Council of Dean's and the Provost's Advisory Board try to ensure equity of decisions across campus.
- (2) the Academic Master Plan Committee be abolished.
  - the committee has not met in the recent past.
  - the Strategic Plan Committee is the current vehicle for academic planning.
- (3) appropriate issues be forwarded more frequently to the Educational Policies Commission.

We noted that 125 faculty serve on university committees, and for most committee vacancies we had an abundance of nominees last spring. There seems to be a desire by faculty to be a part of the decision-making governing structure at the university level.

If the Committee on Committees can be of further service, please notify us.

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December 12, 1977

Congratulations on your recent election to the University Committee on Promotion and Tenure. The following statement is a quote from Senate Minutes 1197 dated December 13, 1976 and revised in Senate Minutes 1201.

#### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON TENURE AND PROMOTION

1. Composition. The University Committee on Tenure and Promotion shall consist of five tenured members of the faculty, not holding supervisory appointments. One member shall be elected by and from each undergraduate college, and one member will be elected by and from the faculty at large.
2. Term of Office. Members of the committee shall serve three-year staggered terms. No member may be elected to more than two terms consecutively.
3. Meetings. Meetings of the committee shall be on call of the chairperson of the committee, who is elected annually by and from the committee, or on call of the vice president and provost.
4. Duties.
  - a. The committee shall review, with the deans and the vice president and provost, existing standards for tenure and promotion as voted by the faculty, and the relation of those standards to existing practices of the departments, the deans, and the vice president and provost.
  - b. The committee shall, whenever it deems it appropriate, recommend to the University Faculty Senate and desirable changes in standards for the promotion and tenure.
  - c. The committee shall be the primary agency for carrying out the faculty's responsibility for ensuring that recommendations for the tenure and promotion are based on criteria uniform throughout the entire promotion are based on criteria to university policy.
  - d. The committee is authorized to examine and make recommendations to the University Faculty Senate concerning any other materials which, in its judgment, would enhance the professional standards of the faculty, the faculty's appropriate authority over these standards, and uniform application of them.
  - e. The committee reports to the University Faculty Senate.

Good luck on your new assignment. The initial meeting of the committee will be called by Howard Knutson.